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COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, the— *29th of November 1932.*
16th of Vrischigam 1108.

The House met at half-past eleven of the Clock with the President in the Chair. Messrs. C. Barton Wright, C. N. Ittiravi Nambudiri, K. Mohamed Seethi, I. N. Menon and Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Commissioner of Police.

31. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state why the Commissioner of Police is not made permanent?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The question is not clear. The post is permanent.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know whether the question or the answer is clearer?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In the Civil List the names of officers whose posts are vacant are given. May I know whether the name of the Police Commissioner is there?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No list is appended to this question.

President.—There is no reference to the Civil List in the Hon'ble Member's question.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I saw in the Civil List the name of the Police Commissioner as vacant. I asked the question regarding that.

President.—In relation to this answer given here, the Hon'ble Member may put questions.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why the present incumbent is vacant?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The question is not clear.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know why the present incumbent is not made permanent?

President.—It is only to the post of the Commissioner that reference is made. No reference is made to any particular officer.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Does the Government think that this is an honest answer?

President.—That is not a supplementary question.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know who the Commissioner of Police is?

President.—That is not a supplementary question.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is there a Police Commissioner now?

President.—That is not a supplementary question.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know why the Commissioner of Police is not made permanent?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The question has been answered. If it does not suit the Hon'ble Members, we can't help.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Are we to understand that anything can be stated as answer to the question?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Anything relevant.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Why should the Government answer a question which is not clear?

President.—The answer need not be discussed. The Hon'ble Member may put a supplementary question.

Mr. C. A Ouseph.—Sir, on a point of order. Is it not wrong to allow a question which is not clear?

President.—The President has allowed it and his ruling is final.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know why our State has been denied the privilege of a permanent Commissioner of Police for such a long time?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not a denial at all.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Since the President has admitted that question, what is the right answer to that question?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The correct answer is what is stated here.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is the question clear?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The answer is clear.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is not the question clear?

President.—That is not a supplementary question.

Report of the Expert Engineer—Karuvannur Diversion Scheme.

32. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table of the House a copy of the report of Mr. Swaminatha Ayyar, the expert Engineer with regard to Karuvannur Diversion Scheme ?

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